

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 122  
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A RESOLUTION to honor William Louis Ofenheusle for his outstanding performance as a member of the University of Tennessee football team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those gifted athletes who bring honor to their teams and to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, William Louis Ofenheusle is one such notable person; he earned distinction as one of the University of Tennessee's most valued offensive linemen and team leaders during his four-year career as a student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, at Westview High School, Will Ofenheusle started three years at defensive tackle and two years at offensive tackle; he never allowed a sack as an offensive lineman, and as a senior, he made 40 tackles and two sacks on defense; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Westview Head Coach, Don Coady, Will Ofenheusle was a National Recruiting Advisor All-American, a two-time class 2A All-State selection, a finalist for Tennessee's coveted "Mr. Football" Award, and was selected to play in the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star game; and

WHEREAS, his statistics and performance as a college player have been equally as impressive; one of three team Captains for the Volunteers, Will Ofenheusle started every game at right tackle during the last two seasons after making five starts at right guard, showcasing his versatility, as a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, one of six returning Vols this season with starting experience, Will has played in every game of his collegiate career, and was voted 2002 All-SEC by the Associated Press; and

WHEREAS, the key to the indomitable U.T. offensive line, Will Ofenheusle has become widely known for his tenacity and his leadership; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable student-athlete, Will Ofenheusle is presently working on a degree in marketing at the University of Tennessee; he graduated in 2001 after just three and one-half years in college with a bachelor's degree in linguistics and business, earning Academic All-SEC honors; and

WHEREAS, he recently won the final game of his collegiate career at the 2002 Peach Bowl as a Scholar Athlete; and

WHEREAS, a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Martin, Will Ofenheusle's dedication to his faith has always been a source of strength; and

WHEREAS, Will Ofenheusle's mother, Janet Usery, stepmother, Beverly, father, William, and sister, Angie, take extreme pride in his many accomplishments and honors; and

WHEREAS, Will Ofenheusle represents the ideal of the well-educated and gifted student-athlete in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to his hard work and many academic and athletic accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate William Ofenheusle for his tremendous

success both on and off the field, salute his career as a true student-athlete, and wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.